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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NAMJEON INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD.

Plaintiff.

-against-

TONGLI INTERNATIONAL, a.k.a. TONGLI SHIPPING, a.k.a. TONGLI SHIPPING CO. LTD.,



ECF CASE

07_CIV_9495

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Plaintiff, NAMJEON INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD. ("Namjeon"), by its attorneys, Richard A. Zimmerman, Esq., and Patrick C. Crilley, Esq., of counsel, complaining of the Defendant, TONGLI INTERNATIONAL, also known as TONGLI SHIPPING, also known as TONGLI SHIPPING CO. LTD., (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Tongli"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

1. This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1333, as hereafter more fully appears, and is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

- 2. At all material times, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign company duly organized and operating under the laws of the Republic of Korea.
- 3. Plaintiff Namjeon was, at all material times, the disponent owner of the motor vessel "TRUST ACE" (the "Vessel").
- 4. At all material times, Defendant Tongli was, and still is, a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under the laws of Peoples Republic of China ("PRC"), maintaining offices at the address Room 1506, QiLi Mansion, No. 80, Chaoyang Street, Yantai, China.
 - 5. Defendant Tongli was, at all material times, the charterer of the Vessel.
- 6. On or about March 20, 2007, Plaintiff Namjeon, as disponent owner, entered into a contract of charter party and/or Fixture Note with Defendant Tongli, as charterer, for the charter of the Vessel, for a one trip time charter approximate duration of about 10 to 13 days, for a voyage from China to a range encompassing South Korea to Taiwan, with a cargo of steel products, general cargos and machinery (the "Charter Party"). Delivery of the Vessel to Defendant Tongli's service under the Charter Party was to take place between the period March 20th - 25th, 2007, upon dropping the last outbound sea pilot at Kunsan, Korea, with expected delivery to be at about March 21, 2007 at 07:00 hours local time.
- 7. Under the terms of the Charter Party, Defendant Tongli was obligated, among other things, to pay daily time charter hire at the rate of \$11,000 per day pro rata for time while the Vessel was at the disposal of the Charter Tongli.
- 8. In the event, Defendant Tongli, without justification, failed to accept delivery of the Vessel under the terms of the Charter Party and, further, failed to perform its

obligations under the terms of the Charter Party, including the obligation to pay charter hire.

- 9. As a result of Defendant Tongli's breach and/or failure to take delivery of the Vessel and/or pay charter hire, Plaintiff was forced to find alternative employment for the Vessel. The best alternative employment which Plaintiff could find for the Vessel was at a lower time charter hire rate and/or freight rate which resulted in a lower time charter equivalent rate for the period of time, approximately 10 to 13 days, during which the Vessel should have been, but for Tongli's breach, more gainfully employed under the Charter Party with Defendant Tongli.
- 10. As a result of Defendant Tongli's aforesaid breach of the Charter Party contract, Plaintiff Namjeon suffered damages in the form of lost profit of not less than \$28,167.00.
 - 11. Plaintiff Namjeon has fulfilled its obligations under the Charter Party.
- 12. There remains owing to Plaintiff Namjeon the sum of \$ 28,167.00 from the Defendant, which Defendant has failed to pay when duly demanded.
- 13. As a result of the Defendant's breach, Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer losses in the total principal sum of not less than \$28,167.00, exclusive of interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- 14. The Charter Party contains an agreement to arbitrate disputes in Hong Kong under English law.
- 15. Despite due demand, Defendant has failed to pay or otherwise secure the Plaintiff's claim. Therefore, arbitration has commenced, or will soon commence, in Hong Kong, and Plaintiff reserves its right to pursue all of the remedies to which it is entitled in that arbitration.

16. Interest, costs and attorney's fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in arbitration proceedings guided by English law. As best can now be determined, Plaintiff estimates that such interest, costs and attorneys' fees related to the Hong Kong arbitration will be approximately \$50,000.00.

17. As a result of Defendant's aforesaid breach of its obligations under the Charter Party, Plaintiff now estimates that it has been or will soon be damaged in the following amounts:

a) Lost Charter Hire		\$ 28,167.00
b) Costs of prosecuting Plaintiff's arbitration		
proceedings against Defendant in Hong Kong		\$ 50,000.00
c) Interest, costs and recoverable fees up to the point		
of obtaining a judgment in this action		\$ 25,000.00
Total anticipated damages	_	¢ 102 167 00

18. Upon information and belief, and after investigation, Defendant Tongli cannot be "found" within this District for the purpose of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, but Plaintiff is informed that Defendant has, or will shortly have, assets within this District comprising of, *inter alia* cash, funds, credits, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, accounts, letters of credit, freights, sub-freights, charter hire and/or sub-charter hire, of, belonging to, due or for the benefit of Defendant (hereinafter "Assets"), including but not limited to Assets at or moving through banking institutions including but not limited to The Bank of New York, Citibank N.A., HSBC Bank USA, N.A., JPMorgan Chase, UBS AG, Bank Of America, N.A., Standard Chartered Bank, Northern Trust Corporation, American Express Bank, Credit Suisse First Boston, Nordea Bank Denmark, Nordea Bank Finland PLC,

Belgolaise Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., ANZ (Delaware) Inc., Fortis Financial Services LLC, Fortis (USA) Financial LLC, Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank, the Bank of China, Danske Bank, Barclays Bank, BNP Paribas, Bangue Cantonale de Geneve, and/or Commerce Bank.

19. Based upon the foregoing, therefore, the total sum of Assets sought belonging to Defendant in this action is \$103,167.00.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- 1. That process in due form of law according to the practice of this Court in admiralty and maritime jurisdiction issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged.
- 2. That if the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment, pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure and the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 8, attaching all claims, assets, cash, funds, credits, wire transfers, accounts, letters of credit, electronic funds transfers, freights, sub-freights, charter hire, sub-charter hire, or any other tangible and/or intangible assets belonging to, due, claimed by, being held for or on behalf of, or being transferred for the benefit of Defendant, including any such assets as may be in the possession, custody or control of, or being transferred through any garnishee within this District, including, without limitation, assets held by or at The Bank of New York, Citibank N.A., HSBC Bank USA, N.A., JPMorgan Chase, UBS AG, Bank Of America, N.A., Standard Chartered Bank, Northern Trust Corporation, American Express Bank, Credit Suisse First Boston, Nordea Bank

Denmark, Nordea Bank Finland PLC, Belgolaise Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd., ANZ (Delaware) Inc., Fortis Financial Services LLC, Fortis (USA) Financial LLC, Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank, the Bank of China, Danske Bank, Barclays Bank, Bangue Cantonale de Geneve, BNP Paribas, and/or Commerce Bank up to and including the amount of \$103,167.00 to secure the Plaintiff's claims including interest and costs, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and answer the matters alleged.

- 3. That Plaintiff may have judgment for its claims as aforesaid in the amount of \$103,167.00.
- 4. That in the event the Writ of Attachment issued herein restrains the property of the defendant found within this district and
 - i) notice has been properly served upon the defendant in the manner required by Rule B(2) of the F.R.C.P. Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Rule B(2) of the Local Rules of United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; and
 - ii) the defendant fails to appear before this Court; and
 - iii) upon application of plaintiff,

default judgment be granted to plaintiff in the amount of provable damages limited to the extent of the property subjected to the process of maritime attachment.

5. That in the event defendant appears in the action following such maritime attachment and garnishment, and upon the application of a party, the Court stay further proceedings pending the issuance of an arbitration award, and retain jurisdiction for the

purpose of entering judgment on the award against the property subjected to the process of maritime attachment.

5. That Plaintiff may have such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York October 24, 2007

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VERIFICATION

Document 1

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF NEWYORK)

Patrick C. Crilley verifies the following:

- 1. I am an attorney and acting as such "of counsel" to Richard A. Zimmerman, the attorney for the Plaintiff herein, and make the following Verification pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rule B, 28 USC §1746, and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint, know the contents thereof, and believe the same are true to the best of my information and belief which is based upon an examination of documents provided by Plaintiff herein.
- 2. The reason that this Verification is made by the undersigned rather than by Plaintiff is that Plaintiff is a foreign corporation none of whose officers or directors is within the District.
- 3. Deponent is authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Plaintiff.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

New York, New York Executed on the 24th day of October, 2007.

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